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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Regarding MaineCare Tobacco
Treatment and Smoking Cessation Benefits'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Best practice and model treatment programs. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Office of MaineCare Services, shall work to address and reduce tobacco use by MaineCare members. The department shall identify best practice measures for reducing the smoking rate of MaineCare members. The department shall determine ways to increase use of the MaineCare tobacco treatment benefit while working within existing resources to fund projects necessary to reach MaineCare members. The department shall submit a written report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its progress under this section by November 30th each year through 2014.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of the resolve and changes the resolve to focus on MaineCare tobacco cessation and treatment. The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Office of MaineCare Services, to work to address and reduce tobacco use by MaineCare members, to identify best practice measures for reducing the smoking rate of MaineCare members and to determine ways to increase use of the MaineCare tobacco treatment benefit while working within existing resources to fund projects necessary to reach MaineCare members. The amendment requires the department to submit a written report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its progress by November 30th each year through 2014.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)